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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EDF FOOD AID TO GUINEA

1. FRANCE AND FEDREP HAVE JUST REESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GUINEA AFTER YEARS OF ANIMOSITY. NEWLY ARRIVED FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND GERMAN CHARGE HWBE SPOKEN OF POSSIBLE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AID TO GUINEA AS DEMONSTRATION IMPROVED RELATIONS AND WESTERN GOODWILL. IN PARTICULAR, FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF EDF PROVIDING PART OF ANNUAL GUINEAN CEREAL DEFICIT OF APPROXIMATELY 60,000 TONS. THIS COULD RAISE PROBLEMS FOR US SINCE TITLE I CREDIT SALES OF RICE, WHEAT AND OIL CONTRIBUTE IMPORTANTLY TO SUCH SMALL LEVERAGE AS US ENJOYS IN GUINEA, A COUNTRY STILL VERY MUCH IN THE SOVIET CAMP.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION ASSESSMENT OF LIKELIHOOD EDF AID TO GUINEA ASSUMING GOF AND FEDREP SUPPORT SUCH ALLOCATION. DOES MACHINERY EXIST FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS OR CREDIT SALES OF FOOD? WHAT IS PRESENT TIMETABLE FOR DECISIONS ON ALLOCATION OF ASSISTANCE TO LOME SIGNATORIES?

3. DUE SENSITIVITY OF POSSIBLE "COMPETITION" BETWEEN US AND EC AS FOOD DONORS PREFER YOU NOT RAISE THIS ASPECT WITH EC

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